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No.F.2-16/47-ODIV.
Government of India,
Department of Education (India),
New Delhi 3, the 13th August, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

Subject: Scholarships for Advanced Studies Overseas 1947-48 - Provincial Government Scheme - Report of Selections.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department letter No.F.5-15/46-ODII, dated the 15th September, 1946 and subsequent correspondence and to say that the selection Board Overseas Scholarships 1947-48, propose to issue, as in last years, a report on the selection of Students for Advanced Studies overseas. The Board feel that their report will greatly gain in interest and usefulness if it can be a comprehensive review of selection made in the Provinces as well as at the centre. It is, therefore, requested that if the Provincial Government see no objection, they may let the Board have at an early date a brief report on the selections made by them. Information is particularly required on the following points:--

1. The method by which applications were invited.
2. The number of applications received.
3. The General standard of Applications.
4. The method of selection with special reference to the standards applied and any special consideration kept in view in judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies. Any other comment which the Provincial Government may consider as either of special interest or offering useful guidance for the future.

As it is proposed to issue the report at an early date, it is requested that the information required may be furnished to this Department at the earliest.

Sd/- x x
For Secretary.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Health Department, Madras.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
Letter No.Ms.2240.

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi 3.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 20th October 1947.

Sir,

Sub: Technical Education - Sending students to other countries for higher studies in 1947-48 - Report sent to the Government of India.

Ref: From the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Letter No.F.2-16/47-ODIV, dated the 13th August, 1947.
-do- -do- -do- dated the 22nd September 1947.

With reference to your letters cited above, I am directed to forward the appended report on the points raised. I am to enclose also a copy of the advertisement which had been put out inviting applications.

APPENDIX.

(a) METHOD BY WHICH APPLICATIONS WERE INVITED.

Applications were invited by means of public advertisement which embodied the terms contained in the Government of India's brochure entitled "Information for students desiring to proceed overseas for advanced studies in 1947-48" with suitable modifications. Only qualified candidates who were British Indian Subjects belonging to the Madras Province were eligible to apply. Unlike in the previous two years, Government servants Provincial & Central were permitted to apply for these scholarships, but it was stated that preference would be given to those belonging to the Madras Province.

(b) NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. 603 applications were received and of these, 77 applications were rejected for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements specified in the advertisement.

(c) GENERAL STANDARD OF APPLICATIONS. The general standard of the candidates who were qualified and whose qualifications fulfilled the terms of the advertisement, is indicated by the following particulars:-

(d) METHOD OF SELECTION, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STANDARDS APPLIED AND ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS KEPT IN VIEW FOR JUDGING THE SUITABILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DIFFERENT COURSES OF STUDIES.

A special committee was appointed to assistant Govern in the selection of suitable candidates for the scholarships. Committee consisted of (1) a member of the Board of Revenue (in charge of post-war reconstruction), (2) a member of the Madras Public Service Commission, and (3) the Director of Public Instruction.

The Committee was instructed to follow the principle laid down by the Government of India in para 12 of their brochure, that there should be adequate representation of minority communities, provided suitable candidates were forthcoming. In regard to the groups of subjects connected with industries, it was also instructed to see that, as far as possible, adequate representation was given to each of the linguistic areas of the Province. The Committee made a preliminary selection for the purposes of interview. Among the Brahmin applicants only those who possessed first class degree or equivalent qualification in the subjects concerned were selected for interview. Allowance, however, was made for specialities in respect of which the number of applicants with first class qualifications and in cases where field experience and research after taking a second class degree might be assessed higher than a mere first class. On this basis, 53 Brahmins were not called up for interview. As regards other communities, all those who were PRIMA FACIE qualified, were summoned for interview, irrespective of the class of degree possessed by them. Thus 473 candidates were interviewed.

The Committee interviewed and made the selections on the following basis:--

The candidates were selected taking into consideration their education qualifications, their bearing, personality, their reaction to questions of common interest and also their practical experience.

(5) ANY OTHER COMMENTS. In submitting its recommendations the Committee made the following observations:--

"The Committee suggests that scholarships be given for advanced studies in other countries only to persons who had completed an adequate course of training in Madras in College or other institution and had done further work for at least one year either occupied in some SUBSTANTIAL research or employed in the industry for the study of which the scholarship was required. Such a foundation is required if they are to der the full benefit from the course for which they are sent.

In this present examination it was noted that quite a lar number of persons appeared who could never have had any real hop of being selected.

It was also noted in this selection that in some cases Government servants with long experience of 10 or more years appeared, to compete against boys fresh from college. This obviously meant a waste of effort. The Committee was bour to select the more experience persons as obviously they were th better men; but inexperienced persons from Colleges should not be asked to attend examinations in which they have to compete wi experienced men of the world in this way. It is suggested that

examinations be divided up in some way so that this very unfortunate kind of competition may be avoided. It is because of this that in the list of recommendations submitted will be found recommendations to the effect that some of the persons proposed for selection would be better dealt with by being deputed for training at Government expense."

The attached tabulated statements may be of interest.

1947-48 SCHOLARSHIPS.

STATEMENT I.

Number of candidates called for interview.	473
Number selected	98

STATEMENT II.

Communal composition of candidates in the 'selected' and the 'not selected' categories.

	Selected.	Not selected.	Total.
Brahmins	34	175	209
Non-Brahmins	27	119	146
Muslims	6	16	22
Indian Christians	12	34	46
Scheduled Classes	2	4	6
Backward classes	16	27	43
Jain	1		
Total ..	98	375	473

STATEMENT III

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to linguistic areas.

	Selected.	Not selected.	Total.
Tamil	36	128	164
Telugu	24	128	152
Kannada	3	18	21
Malayalam	16	40	56
Madras (common to all languages).	19	61	80
Total ...	98	375	473

STATEMENT IV.

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to the nature of degrees held by them.

	CANDIDATES POSSESSING 1ST CLASS DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS.		OTHERS.	
	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.
Brahmins	26	138	8	37
Non-Brahmins	16	22	11	97
Muslims	2	-	4	16
Indian Christians	7	6	5	28
Backward classes	4	-	12	27
Scheduled classes	1	-	1	4
Main	-	-	1	-
Total ..	56	166	42	209